

Special Swiss Days Postal Cancellation

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Letters are pouring into the Midway post office from just about every state and even foreign countries for a special postal cancellation commemorating Swiss Days 1987.

Postmaster Kay Probst is very excited about the special cancellation. "It is a once in a lifetime opportunity," he said. The letters he has received will be post marked during Swiss Days and returned to the many people who have requested the unique hand stamp. "I imagine the way the letters are pouring in each day that we will have two to three hundred by the weekend," Kay said.

The cancellation has been written about in many stamp collectors' magazines and has had world wide publicity. Stamp collectors from all around the world will have a little bit of Swiss Days and Midway in their albums. After all the envelopes have been post marked, they will

be bundled separately from the other mail and returned to Salt Lake and then on to their owners.

Kay has also ordered 1,000 post cards with a picture of the Midway Town Hall on them to be sold at a special booth during Swiss Days. These cards will be hand cancelled during the celebration for visitors. If you want any for your collection, you better not waste time, because they will probably go faster than the proverbial hot cake.

A special Swiss Days Station booth incorporating an old post office sign will be set up by the Boosters for this event.

The design for the hand cancel was done by Velma Evans of Midway. It includes an American flag and a Swiss

flag along with the dates and lettering on top that proclaims: Swiss Days Station, Midway, Utah. At the bottom of this large rubber stamp is a flower. It is a very handsome design for this wonderful occasion.

Swiss Days Station will have many different stamps to sell to go along with the hand cancel and the special post card. There is a really beautiful sheet of wildlife stamps the post office has put out that will go well in every collector's book.

Make sure you don't miss out on this rare item, it probably won't happen again. It will be part of Midway's history. Everyone should have a post card with a hand cancel to put away, even if you are not an active philatelist.